

Publication Programme : During the year work regarding publication of selected Marathi (Modi) documents on Bassein campaign was completed and the same was sent to the Press. Besides, Volume I and II of 'Assentos do Conselho de Fazenda' were also made ready for printing. A new project of selection of documents on 'Savantavadi Saunthan da Itihasachi Sadhane' has also been undertaken and many documents were selected with a view to publish them. The Directorate also started the publication of its 'Quarterly Newsletters' and three issues of the same were published.

Preservation of Records : 20,000 folios of manuscripts volumes and 210 loose modi documents were flattened, 9,754 sheets and 210 documents were repaired with tissue paper and 20,000 folios from manuscripts, books were guarded and bound. Also 92 leather bound volumes were repaired and 600 copies of 'Newsletter' were bound.

Photo-Duplication : The archives has its own reprographic section with a microfilm camera etc., and during the period under review 6,300 frames of negative microfilms from different volumes and 1,156 photo-prints and some 9 reflex prints were prepared.

Library : During the period about 269 reference books and 539 periodicals were acquired. About 370 rare books and 60 bundles of rare magazines were received from private parties by way of donations.

Other Activities : To create archival consciousness among the public a permanent exhibition of documents and seals etc. has been organized.

GUJARAT

1976-77

Administration : During 1976-77 the post of the Director of Archives remained vacant. The charge of the post was held by the Chief Editor Gujarat District Gazetteers from 4th March to 7th July, 1976. Thereafter the charge of the Director of Archives was held by the Director of Archaeology in addition to his own duties with effect from 8th July, 1976 onwards.

A proposal of putting the district Record offices in the Saurashtra Region under the administrative control of the Department of Archives, has been submitted to Government for consideration.

Budget : For 1976-77 a sum of Rs. 3,48,104 was spent (State Archives and other Central Record Offices) out of the budget provision of Rs. 3,60,000 on the non-plan side and a sum of Rs. 92,177 was spent (State Archives only) out of the budget provision of Rs. 1,00,000 on the plan side. For 1977-78 a budget provision of Rs. 1,19,000 (State and Central Record Offices) is made on the non-plan side.

Building : At present the office is accommodated in a rented building at Ahmedabad. The proposal for construction of a scientifically designed archival building has been submitted to the Government for administrative approval. On receipt of the same further action will be taken.

Record Management : Under the Record Management programme about 3,524 records belonging to the Princely States of Rajpipla, Sarod Kauli Mandva, Idar Rupal, Baria, Vadodara and Chhota Udepur were scrutinized. In addition 29,576 ferists and 27,893 files of District Record Offices of Rajkot and Jamnagar were also appraised. Rentention Schedule is followed while appraising the records.

Research and Reference : 13 scholars availed themselves of the research facilities and 138 queries received from various private agencies and individuals were attended to. 3,384 records were requisitioned by the research scholars.

Reference Media : The Department of Archives has been set up recently and thus the records are yet to be centralised. However, the Central Record Office, Vadodara and Rajkot have got ferist registers which are being utilised as reference media.

Publication Programme : No publication programme was undertaken during the period under review.

Preservation of Records : Nearly 13,632 pages and 2,068 files were repaired. 3,270 pages were guarded and 786 books were bound during the period under review.

Photo-Duplication : One Microfilm Reader has been purchased during 1976-77.

Library : About 5,155 books were acquired by the State as well as the Central Record Offices.

Other Activities : The Chairman (Secretary, Education Department) held the High Level Team's Meeting at Ahmedabad on 18th November, 1976 in which various problems regarding the development of Archives Department and Central Record Offices were discussed.

The Director attended the meeting of SWARBICA held at New Delhi and the Superintendent of Archives was deputed to attend the 45th Session of Indian Historical Records Commission.

A radio talk on the "Preservation of Archival Documents" was delivered by the Superintendent of Archives on 16th October, 1976 to create archives consciousness amongst the people.

GUJARAT

1977-78

Administration : The post of the Director of Archives is vacant since its creation. The charge of this post was held by the Director of Archaeology in addition to his own duties.

The proposal for placing the administrative control of record offices of the Saurashtra region, in which pre-merger records are preserved, under this Department is still under consideration of the State Government.

Budget : During 1977-78 a budget provision of Rs. 3,08,000 was made on the non-plan side, out of which Rs. 3,06,652 was spent and on the plan side a sum of Rs. 33,146 was spent out of the budget provision